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Re: Patent Application For:
**PLANAR SUBSTRATE-BASED FUEL CELL MEMBRANE
ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY AND INTEGRATED CIRCUITRY**
Our File: 1610-2002

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following items relating to the above-identified application:

- (1) Information Disclosure Statement;
- (2) Form 1449 citing references;
- (3) Copies of all references cited on the Information Disclosure Statement; and
- (4) Postcard.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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